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ACC commander visits Nellis

**By Tech. Sgt. Gayle B. Barajas
AWFC Public Affairs**

Commander, Air Combat Command, Gen. John P. Jumper, made his first official visit to Nellis since assuming command last month.

Gen. Jumper visited several units here from Feb. 29 to March 2 including the Thunderbirds, Red Flag, 57th Wing maintenance, weapons school, Range Management Office, 99th Air Base Wing and Air Force Auxiliary Field, Indian Springs.

The general, who previously had three tours at Nellis, said this visit was like coming home.

"I was here as an instructor at the weapons school, later as a squadron commander and back again as wing commander," Gen. Jumper said.

He said Nellis is operating in the same profession that it has been for many years.

"Nellis is in the business of exporting high standards," he said.

Jumper credited Nellis with producing members who were key factors in recent air campaigns.

"All the great combat excellence you saw over the skies of Serbia and in Desert Storm was led largely by the graduates who came out of Nellis," Gen. Jumper said.

Referencing campaigns, Gen. Jumper discussed some concerns that arose from the recent operations in Kosovo.

"We see more and more the necessity to respond to rapidly emerging targets on the battlefield. We see more concern about collateral damage. There is increasing and proper concern about refugee flows and humanitarian considerations," he said.

These are issues of war that weren't taken into consideration before because U.S. weapons were indiscriminate, Gen. Jumper said. "We had no control over collateral damage. Now, precision munitions give us control," he said.



Photo by Airman Ashley S. Center

Senior Airman John Brazua, 57th Aircraft Generation Squadron, looks on as Gen. John Jumper, Air Combat Command commander, signs the Wings of Pride contract for the ACC flagship during a recent visit.

Another area Gen. Jumper said the Air Force is trying to balance is ops tempo.

"We are trying to control peoples' ops tempo with the Expeditionary Aerospace Force," he said. "It's certainly a focus on how many days you are gone, but I think that is of secondary importance. The primary benefit is going to be predictability. We will strive for our people to know 15 months in advance when they're vulnerable to being away from home," Gen. Jumper said.

He said members will be able to organize their lives and have the same stability their civilian counterparts enjoy.

"They're going to be able to plan their lives in ways we haven't been able to do for most of this decade," said Gen. Jumper referring to the men and women of the Air Force.

According to the general, being able to plan vacations is not the ultimate reason members will stay in the Air Force.

"My conviction is if people feel important about what they are doing, and they feel good about themselves, they will stay," he said.

"Our Air Force, all ranks and all specialties were involved in the Kosovo conflict. We went in on the ground in Albania in a great humanitarian effort and saved 40,000 to 50,000 lives," Gen. Jumper said.

"There is no place, no company or corporation you can join out there that saved that many lives last year like our Air Force," he said.

The general wrapped his visit up by sending out accolades to Team Nellis.

"Nellis is the premiere base in our Air Force. We do warrior things here. It's the center of excellence for our warrior skills. The attitudes and standards maintained here are shown to the entire Air Force because eventually everyone comes through Nellis," Gen. Jumper said.



Nellis Airman of the Year Senior Airman Carl D. Schuett.



Nellis NCO of the Year Staff Sgt. Connie White-Yelder.



Nellis Senior NCO of the Year Senior Master Sgt. Royce W. Barron.



Nellis First Sergeant of the Year Master Sgt. Martin V. Neal.

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Gayle B. Barajas

Nellis honors five annual award winners

**By Tech. Sgt. Gayle Barajas
AWFC Public Affairs**

Nellis announced its annual award winners at a luncheon held Feb. 3 at the Enlisted Club.

The annual award winners exhibited the attributes necessary to achieve this high honor.

"We looked for the whole person concept and the contributions made to the base, said Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Perron, 99th Air Base Wing command chief master sergeant.

Nominees came from the three

wings, 99th ABW, 57th Wing, 53rd Wing and tenant units.

"We want to recognize anybody whose from team Nellis. I consider anyone stationed here to be part of team Nellis," said Chief Perron.

Base award winners start competing at squadron level and work their way up through the respective groups to the base level.

Chief Perron said to achieve this level award members need to do things like getting involved in squadron programs, working toward a Community College of the Air Force degree, joining the

honor guard and doing what it takes to improve character and make the unit better. The thing that sets nominees apart is volunteering both on base and in the community.

The following were named as award winners:

Airman of the Year, Senior Airman Carl D. Schuett, 57th Component Repair Squadron, precision measurement laboratory journeyman.

Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Staff Sgt. Connie White Yelder, 99th Communications

Squadron, maintenance control journeyman

Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Senior Master Sgt. Royce W. Barron, 99th Communications Squadron, superintendent workgroup management program office

First Sergeant of the Year, Master Sgt. Martin V. Neal, Air Warfare Center, Range Management Office first sergeant

Company Grade Officer of the Year, Capt. Marc Sheie, 99th Security Forces Support Flight, operations officer.

AWFC holds annual banquet, honors best-of-the-best

**By Ms. Martine Ramos
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The Air Warfare Center Annual Awards Banquet was held Feb. 18 at the Enlisted Club.

The banquet featured retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Robert D. Gaylor as guest speaker.

Competitors in each category were winners at the squadron level and went on to win at the wing level.

"The Air Warfare Center has

long been blessed with leading technology and quality people. It is the quality of our people that remains the linchpin in the world's most respected air and space force," said Maj. Gen. L.D. Johnston, Air Warfare Center commander.

"We are pleased to pay tribute to the hard work, dedication, loyalty and professionalism of our people," he said.

To honor the thousands of men and women who make up the Air Warfare Center and give

special recognition to those who excelled this past year and represent the very best of our wings," said Gen. Johnston.

Winners in each category were:

AWFC Airman of the Year, Senior Airman Daniel C. Coker III, 53rd Wing.

AWFC NCO of the Year, Staff Sgt. Connie White Yelder, 99th Air Base Wing.

AWFC Senior NCO of the Year, Senior Sgt. Royce W. Barron, 99th ABW.

AWFC First Sergeant of the Year, Master Sgt. Raymond Frez, 53rd Wing.

AWFC Company Grade Officer of the Year, Capt. Marc A. Sheie, 99th ABW.

AWFC Civilian of the Year, Ms. Renni Whitman, Air Warfare Center Protocol office.

The winners will go on to compete in Air Combat Command's Twelve Outstanding Airmen of the Year competition.

Congratulations to all the winners!

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Nellis Salutes

Congratulations to the following lieutenant colonel selectees:

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 Dale Rosenberg, 57th Component Repair Squadron
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57th Wing Maintenance Professional of the Year Winners

Senior NCO

Master Sgt. Cheryl A. Wheeler, 57th Logistic Support Squadron

Direct NCO (Flightline)

Tech. Sgt. Thomas L. Cherrix Jr., 57th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Indirect NCO (Maintenance support)

Staff Sgt. Marco A. Aguilar, 414th Combat Training Squadron



Direct Airman (Flightline)

Senior Airman Andrew L. Barker, 15th Reconnaissance Squadron

Indirect Airman (Maintenance support)

Senior Airman Dina R. Presley, 57th Logistics Support Squadron

Civilian

Mr. Kenneth K. Muller, 57th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Outstanding Personnel Manager of the Year

By Tech. Sgt. Patricia Collins
AWFC Public Affairs

The first person ever to ace a Nellis staff assistance visit from base record management was named Air Combat Command's Outstanding USAF Personnel Manager of the Year.

Tech. Sgt. Brian Zarycki, 57th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, will go on to represent ACC at Air Force level.

The winner will be announced later this year.

Sgt. Zarycki has been in the Air Force for more than 16 years and is the NCO-In-Charge of the 57th EMS Commander's Support Staff. He's been in EMS for a little more than a year and said he thinks it's a combination of the things he's done that allowed him to win this award.

"I felt I had a good chance to win

the wing award, but I was surprised to win the ACC-level award," said Sgt. Zarycki.

He won the award based on his ability to maintain his squadron's orderly room – ACC's third largest squadron — programs in near-perfect condition.

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Tech Sgt. Brian Zarycki

ACC Outstanding Personnel Manager of the Year

"I'm very lucky because I got the green light to run the orderly room as I see fit. My supervisor has confidence in me and lets me make the changes that need to be made," he said

That trust was shown when Sgt. Zarycki was asked to fill in for the

squadron section commander during a six-week absence.

Some of the changes made by Sgt. Zarycki have added up for the 57th EMS orderly room. He coordinated the review and reaccomplishment of more than 540 line badges in three days. Because of this, EMS was the

first unit on base to complete the re-issue of line badges. He also provided flights with monthly use or lose leave updates eliminating lost leave for members of the 57th EMS.

Sgt. Zarycki has also kept fellow 57th EMS members out of trouble by developing a weekly all-inclusive

suspense listing for the entire squadron, which dropped overdue suspenses by 50 percent.

Air Force winner or not, Sgt. Zarycki said he doesn't plan to sit still now that he's won this award. He plans to work harder than ever to keep the orderly room running smoothly. He also works as hard at his personal life as he does on the job.

"I want to finish my degree in human resources," said Sgt. Zarycki. "Sometimes it's really tough to manage everything – work, school, family life – but school is very important to my future. I would not be able to handle the case-load without my wife taking care of things at home. She has made that aspect of my life easier to handle. Finishing my degree will help me both professionally and personally."

Pharmacy NCO, airman named best in Air Combat Command

By Tech. Sgt. Charles Ramey
AWFC Public Affairs

Two pharmacy technicians from the 99th Medical Group were recently selected for Air Combat Command honors.

Staff Sgt. Vincent Lewis and Airman 1st Class Jessica DeHaven were named ACC's NCO and Airman Pharmacy Technician of the Year respectively.

Assigned to the busiest pharmacy in the Air Combat Command, both were instrumental in the success of more than 850,000 separate actions.

Handpicked as the NCO In Charge of the Inpatient Pharmacy, Sgt. Lewis directly super-

vised three technicians who provided timely and accurate processing of approximately 30,000 provider prescriptions during the first quarter of 1999. He increased quality assurance and prevention of errors by implementing restocking logs, which include lot numbers, expiration dates and manufacturer information.

Sgt. Lewis also prepared 20,000 intravenous solutions annually and provided critically ill and surgical patients with life saving parental nutrition and antibiotic therapy. In addition, he managed a \$745,000 annual budget, assisted in developing a comprehensive inpatient training program, and was selected from 10 candidates for medical group's annual outstanding supervisor award.

"To be honest, I was both surprised and excited when I heard I won the award," Sgt. Lewis said. "After eight years in the pharmacy career field I've been able to see what's important. With a highly visible hospital we have to be objective because what we do here at Nellis today could affect medical care Air Force wide in the future."

As a pharmacy journeyman in the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital's main pharmacy, Airman DeHaven's dedication and zeal were credited as being pivotal to the pharmacy successfully filling more than 500,000 outpatient prescriptions annually.

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Nellis Officers' Spouses' Club scholarships

The NOSC is accepting applications for high school seniors and military spouses scholarships. Applications are available at the Education Office and Family Support Center. Submission deadline is March 27.

Complacency a hard lesson to learn



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi

By Maj. Dale Rosenberg
57th Component Repair Squadron commander

I was watching the history channel the other day and ran across a very interesting documentary entitled "Ghost Plane of the Desert: Lady Be Good." It was focused on the disappearance, and later discovery, of a B-24D Liberator named "Lady Be Good" lost during World War II.

The aircraft departed from a base in Soluch, Libya, April 4, 1943, as part of a 25 aircraft package intending to strike Naples, Italy.

About three-quarters of the way to the target, the group aborted the mission due to poor weather conditions over the target. When the aircraft aborted, they broke formation and came back as single ships. When the aircraft returned it was dark, all of them made it except the Lady Be Good.

The last known radio transmission from the Lady Be Good was a request to the home field for a radio course indication.

Back in those days, the equipment could only give course information not distance or location like today's equipment. After being several hours overdue, it was assumed the Lady Be Good was down and search aircraft were dispatched to search for wreckage at sea. None was ever found, so it was assumed the Lady Be Good had crashed and sank with her crew.

Wreckage found

Sixteen years later in 1959, a British Petroleum oil survey crew was looking for oil in the African desert some 440 miles from Soluch, Libya, where the Lady Be Good had been based. They discovered the wreckage of a B-24 liberator in excellent condition which proved to be the Lady Be Good.

The Air Force dispatched investigators that made some startling discoveries.

First: None of the crew was in the Lady Be Good when it crashed, nor were their remains anywhere near the aircraft.

Second: The navigator made no log entries after the mission was aborted due to weather conditions.

Third: The navigator's equipment, i.e., whiz wheel (circular slide rule used for navigation), dividers and charts were stored in their cases. At this point, the investigators concluded the navigator, for whatever reason, stopped doing his job shortly after they turned back for home.

Other bomber crews had reported higher than normal tail winds that night, but because the Lady Be Good's navigator wasn't doing his job they flew right over their home field and kept on going. In fact, they believe that last radio request for course indication came well after they had passed the home field. Lost and out of fuel, the crew elected to bail out. It was several years later when British Petroleum surveyors eighty miles from the original crash site located five of the nine crew members' remains.

Diary

Surveyors discovered a diary on one of the crew members that cleared up many mysteries. It told how one of the crewmembers was killed instantly when his parachute failed to open. Daily entries since the bail out described the harsh African desert conditions and the fact they had only one-half canteen of water for all of them and no food.

Bottom line, the crew had

tried to walk out of the desert and covered 80 miles in eight days before they finally perished. It would be several years again before two more of the crew was found about 25 miles from the others. The final crewman has not been found to this date but is believed buried by years of blowing sand dunes.

Complacency

So why do I tell this story and what lessons can we learn from it?

I used it because I enjoy Air Force history and I think it was an interesting event. Probably the biggest lesson is one that has literally thousands of examples in history. Complacency has caused more accidents and fatalities than most diseases.

In the case of Lady Be Good, the crew got complacent about their jobs. Once they turned back towards home they were so relieved there was not going to be any shooting that turning 180 degrees back to home base would be a cakewalk. They let down their guard, and in the middle of the biggest shooting war in history died not from bullets or anti aircraft fire but rather from complacency.

Today

For those of us in the aircraft maintenance business, there is no more insidious enemy than complacency. A crew chief looks over the same airplane day in and day out, sometimes several times a day. He or she follows the same checklist until they know it by heart.

People start thinking to themselves that they've checked the hydraulic servicing yesterday and it was fine so I am sure it must be fine today. Complacency! Or I have put this panel on a 100 times and know the torque sequence and limits without looking in the technical order. Complacency! Everyone is complacent at some time or another.

How many of you check your car's engine oil at every gas fill up? You figure it was good before, so it's good now. And pretty soon you get to the point

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where you never check it; you just wait until the next change is due. You are complacent. If your car motor runs out of oil you will need a new engine, but it's not life or death.

However, if an F-16 aircraft engine runs out of oil, most likely the pilot is going to have a nylon let-down (ejection).

My point is you must balance the possible consequences of your actions or non-actions with the seriousness of the work to be done. Anytime something becomes routine be aware. Complacency can sneak

up and bite you.

Complacency can have catastrophic effects not just in the aircraft operations and maintenance world but anywhere. Imagine if a surgical team forgets to count their equipment before closing a patient up and leaves an item in the patient. (It has happened more than once). The best way I have found to avoid complacency is be aware. Pilots like to use a term called situational awareness and that is what I mean by being aware.

Understand the seriousness of what you are doing and what can happen if it isn't done right, even if it seems routine. And if you're not sure about something, ask. The answers and experts are out there.

Volunteers Needed!



The 99th Medical Group's Dental Clinic is conducting a Red Cross Volunteer Dental Assistant Training Course May 8 through Nov. 10. Military family members must be 18 or older to apply. For more information, call 653-2610.

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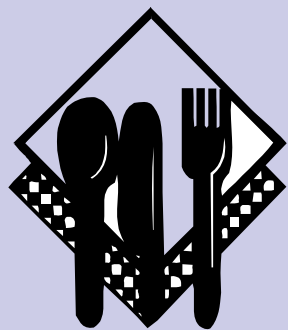
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Millennium Challenge 2000

By Mr. Kevin Hodsdon
99th Services Squadron

The 99th Civil Engineering Squadron has won the inaugural 99th Support Group Millennium Fitness Challenge. The fitness test competition, held for all members of the 99th Support Group, consisted of sit-ups, push-ups, sit and reach flexibility test, a mystery category and a 1 1/2 mile run or 3 mile walk.

Testing was done over a two-week period in the Sports and Fitness Center as staff members tested over 1000 men and women from the 99th Civil Engineer Squadron, 99th Security Forces Squadron, 99th Communications Squadron, 99th Missions Support Squadron, 99th Services Squadron, and members of the Support Group staff.

Participants were tested by gender and between age groups as members strove to meet or exceed standards set by the testing staff. Standards were based on those developed recently for the expanded mandatory Air Force fitness test, due to begin later this year. The run/walk is not part of the current Air Force test, but was used instead of the cycle as an indicator of fitness.

Each squadron earned points based on the percentage of members who met or exceeded the standards in each test category. 99th Civil Engineer Squadron earned the top spot this year with an amazing 90 percent met or exceeded in each test category.

The idea for the program was sparked by the 99th Support Group Commander, Col. Richard Tedesco.

"The goal of the program was to emphasize the importance of fitness, on the job

Individual Winners	
Ages:	
24 & Under – Men: Brian Weber CES	Women: Colleen Murphy CS
25-29 – Men: Vikram Sachan SVS	Women: Lisa Lanum SVS
30-34 – Men: Troy Young CES	Women: Teriann Yocum SVS
35-39 – Men: Thomas Martin CES	Women: Ellen Reynolds MSS
40-44 – Men: Jeffrey Harlan CES	
45-49 – Men: Stephen Clark CES	

and in our every day life. As well as to give commanders an indication on how fit their squadrons are to meet the new Air Force standards," said Col. Tedesco from a deployed location.

"The friendly competition made things fun, but the message was delivered loud and clear – a fit force is an effective force. Although I am pleased with this first effort, I won't be completely satisfied until all in the 99th Support Group exceed every standard."

Congratulations to the troops in the 99th Civil Engineer Squadron. Their daily squadron fitness and training program proved its worth.

"They did a great job!," said Col. Tedesco, "Thanks too to all those who had a part in making this happen. Well done to all those who began or are continuing a health fitness regimen since the start of the challenge. We have a long way to go to be conditioned for a better life."

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She also assisted with over 825 interventions on questionable orders preventing potential adverse drug reactions or harmful patient outcomes.

Airman DeHaven also provided exceptional customer service at all times and her leadership and job knowledge were heavily relied upon during critical pharmacist staffing.

Also, she was hand selected from more than 19 technicians to maintain and repair 545 separate units of automated dispensing equipment valued at over \$50,000.

"I think it's cool I won, but I couldn't have done it without my fellow co-workers," Airman DeHaven said. "I enjoy my job but we are very busy with a lot of patients and our job is stressful. I don't think people always understand that. Our people don't always receive recognition for the work they do, and they are just as deserving of such an award."

"All of us on the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital team are absolutely thrilled that Sgt. Lewis and Airman DeHaven were singled out for the awards," said Col. Stanley Uchman, 99th Medical Group commander. "They are an integral part of a superb operation. Our pharmacy, the busiest in ACC, is such an important piece in the delivery of healthcare for Team Nellis."



Former Chief Master Sgt. shares his experiences...

Drinking and driving: not worth the price

**By Senior Master Sgt. Matt Haacker
99th Communications Squadron**

On the evening of Dec. 22, 1999, I was involved in a vehicle accident on Nellis.

It was also determined I was under the influence of alcohol—yes, operating a motor vehicle under the influence. I was a Chief Master Sergeant at the time of the incident. I'm a Senior Master Sergeant today.

I seldom drank alone. While I realize that I am solely responsible for my behavior, on that day, I wasn't alone. Others enjoyed alcoholic beverages and left the social event without full control of their faculties.

At countless other promotions, retirements, farewells, unit and base picnics, parties, club functions, Time Out gatherings, golf outings, softball games, bowling events, etc. etc. etc., I wasn't alone.

I was not alone when it came to having a few beers and driving. Many of you were with me (or someone like me) on numerous occasions. Not a problem—I don't have far to drive, or someone will give me a ride.

For years, I got away with similar conduct.

It became easy. I knew I was in control. I know now, after it has cost me an exceptional military career, I never was in control when drinking. I was an accident waiting to happen.

I learned at a Safety briefing at the base theater this past January, one out of every five motorists on America's highway are driving

impaired. Even more are impaired here in the Las Vegas area.

No-no, I am not alone. We've sat drinking together exchanging stories—often hearing your

I was also lucky to be able to experience the holidays before disciplinary action was taken. My on-base driving privileges were suspended for 1 year. This was followed

family could be without my financial and emotional support.

To this day, I'm haunted by the incident. From the moment I wake every morning, the acci-

scheduled base speaking engagements. Coworkers and associates could not look me in the eye. Those closest to me came into my office, closed the door and cried. I had let all these people down.

It has been extraordinarily painful for me that my wife, through no fault of her own, also had to endure the stares and whispers of many who knew us or me.

I now had to walk everywhere on base. And the most painful of all consequences of drinking and driving was I lost the honor and esteem associated with being a Chief Master Sergeant.

The sleepless nights, pain to self-image, and family were a far greater price to pay than the material losses.

It is with great remorse that I write this article. Many may ask why I would risk bringing further embarrassment to my family and myself by writing this article? The answer is simple. Whether a highly respected Chief Master Sergeant or a Senior Master Sergeant fallen from grace, I still love the United States Air Force and the men and women serving in its ranks.

Most importantly—if I can share my story with other service members and somehow, influence them not to make the same mistakes I did. It will be well worth the consequences my family and I may endure. Please—educate yourself and your friends from my mistake.

The price is far too high—the message and lesson is clear: Don't drink and drive.

“I was fortunate to have an extremely loving and supportive family. They were happy to have me alive and in one piece. But I was deeply scared and pained by my actions. Then the reality struck me, I could have killed myself or another motorist.”

**Senior Master Sgt. Matt Haacker
99th Communications Squadron**

comments ... “I can't believe I drove home last night” or worse yet, “I can't remember driving home last night!” I hope I have the attention of those in the “this can only happen to the other guy” mode.

I wish to share a sobering reality from the late afternoon of Dec. 22 with those of you always in control while drinking. I do not recall getting in to my vehicle and driving until after the accident.

I regret making a conscious decision to drink—I never made a conscious decision to drive. As I received outstanding care and compassion from people that stopped to provide assistance, the security police, and emergency medical personnel, the reality and price of my crime began setting in. I nearly totaled my new sport utility vehicle as well as the new SUV I struck. Luckily, no one was critically hurt or killed.

by an Article 15 action, which cost me a heavy fine, a severe reprimand, and a reduction to the grade of Senior Master Sgt. Pretty rough, but this was not the worst of it.

After being released from University Medical Center the most painful consequences began. I had to go home to my wife and family and inform them I just destroyed a 29-year military career and our SUV—all for the price of drinking.

I was fortunate to have an extremely loving and supportive family. They were happy to have me alive and in one piece.

But I was deeply scared and pained by my actions. The reality struck me that I could have killed myself or the other motorist who I hit.

Seat belts and air bags saved me from further pain. This incident could easily have hurt or killed other victims, to include defenseless children. My

dent and consequences are always at the forefront of my thoughts. I had to call my mother and inform her of this event, and risked shattering the pride and admiration she had for my honorable military career.

Going to face fellow Chiefs, base leadership, co-workers, and subordinates was most painful. I am now forced to deal with the reality that my problem with alcohol has had serious consequences. I am very disappointed that many people who I believed were my friends abandoned me. I feel like a social outcast.

Prior to the incident, I was a highly respected Chief Master Sergeant on Nellis.

Now I find people avoiding me and not even sharing a social “hello.” My positive actions and accomplishments while serving at Nellis are diminished.

Substitutes were found to replace me at my

Warrior of the Week

Senior Airmen Michele L. Reynolds



Unit: Legal Office

Duty Title: Military Justice Paralegal

Hometown: Burnsville, Minn.

Time in Air Force: Four and-a-half years

Time at Nellis: Six months

Hobbies: Reading and Sports

Goals: Going to law school.

If I could improve one thing on Nellis:

After duty hours child care facilities at the gym.

Most significant Air Force memory: Getting a phone call at 7 a.m., my second day at Nellis, from my commander informing me of my selection for promotion to staff sergeant.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi

*Silver State
chapter of the
Air Force
Security Police
Association*



All former and current Security Police members are invited to attend the next meeting at Bldg. 1100 in Area III at 7 p.m. March 21. Membership is open to all who served honorably. For more information, call Mr. Jon Mehringer at 639-6046.



Nellis News

Job opening

The AFPC Chiefs Group, in conjunction with Air Force Space Command, is seeking volunteers for the Command Chief Master Sergeant position at 341st Space Wing, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., reporting June 10.

Contact the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service Section at 652-9073/9459 for additional information.

AFA meeting

The Thunderbird Chapter of the Air Force Association will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Officers' Club.

Summer hire program

The Nellis summer hire program for 16-and 17-year-old youth under the Student Education Employment Program is now accepting applications.

Students must submit a resume to Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, to be considered for employment and should indicate the code for Nellis (4019) on the resume.

Students must have a Nevada State work permit if they are selected for summer employment and before they begin work.

To obtain a work permit, the state requires a birth certificate or picture ID, Social Security

number, parent consent letter and \$1.

Work permits may be obtained at the Family Youth Court at Pecos and Bonanza (455-5200) or at Decatur and Spring Mountain (455-8300). Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Students may submit a resume via regular mail or email accessing the resume writer at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/palacecompass/eis/home.htm

Call civilian personnel at 652-5212 for more information.

Reserve briefings

There will be a Palace Chase Air Force Reserve briefing at 2 p.m.

March 22 in Bldg. 20, Room 202. Anyone with a separation date more than a year from now interested in separating early should attend this briefing.

For more information, call 652-9073.

Eligible officers and enlisted personnel with a date of separation in September are required to attend a Palace Front Air Force Reserve briefing at 1 p.m. Thursday or March 30 in Bldg. 20, Room 319.

For more information, call 652-4806.

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Enlisted aide

Applicants are needed to fill positions at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., and the Washington D.C. area. Individuals with culinary experience are highly desirable. Anyone with a can-do attitude and the ability to interact with senior officers may volunteer for the position. Applicants must be second term or career airmen in the grade of senior airman and above.

Call 652-9073/9459 for more information.

Palace Envoy 2000-2008

Captains and majors with a

minimum of six years commissioned service and Russian language ability are needed for United Nations observer mission in Republic of Georgia. The temporary duty is approximately 179 days.

The deployment is for active-duty officers only.

For more information, call 652-9073/9459.

Self Help open Saturdays

The Self Help Store is open from 8 a.m. to noon every third Saturday of the month.

For more information, call 652-2740.

CGOC meeting

The Company Grade Officers'

Council holds its next meeting at 4 p.m. today at the Officers' Club.

Munitions flight closed

The 57th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight is closed through March 31 for a 100 percent inventory.

Only validated emergency requests will be honored during this period.

For more information, call 652-1283.

Utility Replacement

Replacement of the underground water and sewer main lines, manholes and fire hydrants in the older section of Nellis Terrace begins this month. The projects include trenching along

Swaab, Cook, J.R. Crane, Chambers, Jones, Hunter, Baer and Kinley streets. During construction, short-term utility outages and road closures will be necessary. The project will continue throughout the year.

For more information, call 652-8442.

Nellis Chiefs Group 5K Fun Run

The Nellis Chiefs Group is sponsoring a fitness fun run/walk beginning at the Sports and Fitness Center at 7:30 a.m. March 31. The event is open to anyone assigned to Nellis. The entrance fee is \$5 and all participants will receive a T-shirt. Contact any Nellis chief to pre register or call Chief Master Sgt. Steve Langdon at 652-7223.



Are you ready to deploy on a moments notice?



File photo

By Lt. Col. Scott D. Chambers
99th Supply Squadron

Are you ready to go to war for your country? Are you prepared

to deploy and go forth in a strange country and do battle? As basketball coach great John Wooden said, “Failure to prepare is preparing to fail.”

First of all, the United States of America has lots of tools at their disposal to use in order to try and convince another country, group, or organization to do as we wish. Our government can and will use political pressure to get our way. It is only when our civilian leaders use all the tools in the bag without reaching the desired effect and the issue at hand is deemed to be of a critical nature that they ask the military to step in.

It is important that we all understand that we are one of

many tools the government may use to gain the upper hand in an ongoing issue. Our job, as I see it, is to be ready to go forth if we are called upon.

Back to the original question — are you ready? What can you do to become ready? General George Patton once said, “a pint of sweat will save a gallon of blood.” If you are ready, good for you! If you are not, please read on.

I believe there are three main elements to each individual being prepared for a deployment, fitness, knowledge and practice.

Fitness means your physical fitness as you would expect but is also used across a broad spectrum of the word to include

your moral, financial, and religious fitness. First, if you don’t have a physical fitness program, start one. Getting into shape and keeping in shape is a bare minimum requirement of being in the armed forces. Moral fitness is also a necessity. No one likes to talk about this much but if you are out there doing something you shouldn’t be doing, knock it off. You need to be ready to deploy and you can’t if your moral fitness isn’t up tight. Financial fitness is a must as well. Having a financial game plan in case you are deployed and having your will in order makes good financial sense. The

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last and most important element is religious fitness. This is different for each person but for me it is having a close relationship with God in my own way.

Knowledge is understanding the role you play in the Air Force mission.

It is as basic as knowing your job better than anyone else. It is also studying our potential adversary; their military history and their culture.

It is also understanding our operations plans and how you fit into it. Do you know where you will be deploying in a specific OPLAN? If you kept up to speed on daily news for that area of the world, would you be better prepared?

Do you have a reading program that allows you to read about our greatest victories, our worst defeats, our greatest heroes, and biggest mistakes? Have you read the Airman's Manual, Air Force Manual 10-100?

If you are a senior NCO or officer, you will be expected to know about what we are doing, where we are going, and who we will be fighting. Best to learn and know now, than scrambling when the balloon goes up.

Practice makes perfect. How many times have you heard that? Well, its true. Whether swinging a baseball bat or loading bombs, realistic practice is the best form of preparation.

How many of us here at Nellis have put on our old friend the chemical suit and mask and done our job?

How many of us really practice the art of war? How many actually deploy to Camp Cobra and practice the Ability To Survive and Operate skills? Those same skills might keep us alive in wartime.

Are we ready to deploy and operate in the heat and cold with chemical gear over a 12 hour shift?

As George Washington once said, "To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving the peace."

If this article has made you think about how ready you are, then I've met my goal. If it has

made you a little uncomfortable, I'd suggest we need to take a look at our priorities and understand the role we play as warriors.

Nellis focuses on realistic training for our combat aircrews and that effort ties perfectly into this article for the aircrews.

For the support troops who are on a mobility roster or could deploy, we need to practice our jobs in a realistic wartime environment.

You can be the leader in your area and work on the three main elements—fitness, knowledge, and practice. If you are a flight chief, an element chief, or a section supervisor, you can be the one who puts the priorities in the right order.

As President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."

You are working for your country and ready to lay down your life if necessary—I can't think of any job that is more important than protecting those freedoms we know and love.

In order to keep them, we must be ready!



Nellis Chiefs Groups newly elected officers are:

President: Chief Steven Avilla, 57th Aircraft Generation Squadron

Vice President: Chief Annette Gudson, 99th Comptroller Squadron

Treasurer: Chief Carl Jasuta, 57th Component Repair Squadron

Secretary: Chief Steven Langdon, 57th Equipment Maintenance Squadron



Unless otherwise indicated, all show times are at 7 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 1 p.m. Call 652-5020 for more information.

Today

Play it to the Bone (R)

Woody Harrelson, Antonio Banderas
Best friends and professional boxing rivals, finally get the chance of a lifetime, an assign

ment to work together in Vegas. The job promises big money, but they have to be there now. A riotous race ensues as they scramble to make it to Las Vegas for their big showdown.
Violence, strong sexuality including dialogue, nudity, pervasive language, and some drug content.

Saturday-Monday

The Hurricane (R)

Denzel Washington, John Hannah
Based on the premise of the true story of middleweight boxing champion Rubin “Hurricane” Carter, who was falsely convicted of the 1966 murder of three white men in a New Jersey tavern. The story unfolds from two perspectives, Rueben’s and from the perspective of a boy named Lazarus, who finds a hero in Carter. The film lets you be a witness to the brutality and the history of one man’s salvation and redemption. The story explores the life and circumstances that brought Carter and Lazarus together.
Strong language and some violence.

Theater Will be Closed
Tuesday and Wednesday

Thursday-March 17

Magnolia (R)

Jeremy Blackman, Michael Bowen
On one random day in the San Fernando Valley multiple character’s will weave and warp through each other’s lives. (i.e. a dying father, a young wife, a male caretaker, a famous lost son, a police officer, a boy genius, an ex-boy genius, a game show host and an estranged daughter) Through a collusion of coincidence, chance, past history and divine intervention, the contact on a day that builds to an unforgettable climax. Some will seek forgiveness, and others escape. Some will mend frayed bonds, and others will be exposed.
Pervasive language, drug use, sexuality and some violence.

Intramural basketball
standings as of Feb. 28



**American
East**
99COMM - 9 - 1
57EMS - 9 - 3
99CES#2 - 6 - 4
57LSS - 4 - 7
820RHS#2 - 0 - 11

West
99SFS - 11 - 0
99SVS - 10 - 1
57VIPER - 6 - 5
15RS - 6 - 6
99CPTS - 2 - 10
57CRS - 1 - 9

**National
East**
99SUPS#1 - 11 - 1
820RHS#1 - 9 - 4
57EAGLE - 4 - 9
USAFDS - 5 - 8
547IS - 0 - 11

West
99CES#1 - 10 - 1
57OSS - 8 - 3
66RS - 8 - 4
99MDG - 4 - 4
57FALCON - 5 - 7
99SFS#2 - 2 - 8



Aerobic calendar for March

Note: All classes are subject to change or cancellation without notice.

Monday
7 a.m. - Circuit Blast
Noon - Multi Step
5 p.m. - Cardio Step
6:30 p.m. - Cardio Box

Tuesday
9:30 a.m. - Circuit Training
Noon - Cardio Box
5 p.m. - Multi Step
6 p.m. - Above the Belt
6:30 p.m. - Intermediate Step

Wednesday
7 a.m. - Sport Training
Noon - Multi Step

5 p.m. - Multi Step
6:30 p.m. - Cardio Box

Thursday
9:30 a.m.- Circuit Step
Noon - Cardio Box
5 p.m. - Circuit Blast
6 p.m. - Below the Belt
6:30 p.m. - Intermediate Step

Friday
7 a.m. - Circuit Blast
Noon - 20/20/20
5 p.m. - Intermediate Step

Saturday
9 a.m. - Cardio Step B/I

Intramural racquetball
standings

National	American
414CTS - 27 wins	99MDG - 23 wins
57CRS - 20 wins	99CES - 23 wins
USAFADS - 16 wins	422TES - 22 wins
547IS - 10 wins	820RHS - 20 wins
11RS - seven wins	

Intramural basketball
schedule

Monday
6p.m. 99SVS vs. 57AGS/Viper
7p.m. 15RS vs. 99SFS#1
8p.m. 99COMM vs. 820RHS#2

Tuesday
7p.m. 820RHS#1 vs. 99MDG
8p.m. 99CES#1 vs. 66RQS
9p.m. 57AGS/Falcon vs. 57OSS

Thursday
6p.m. 57OSS vs. 99SFS#2
7p.m. 99SUP#1 vs. 547IS
9p.m. USAFADS vs. 99MDG

March 17
7p.m. 57AGS/Viper vs. CPTS
8p.m. 99CES#2 vs. 99SFS#1
9p.m. 99SVS vs. 57CRS

American Red Cross
652-2106

Orientation

American Red Cross holds volunteer orientation at the Mike O’Callaghan Federal Hospital at 10 a.m. Fridays. Individuals need to bring their shot records.

Chapel
652-2950

Catholic worship

Mass: Monday through Friday: 11:30 a.m.
Saturday: Reconciliation, 4:30 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.
Sunday: Mass, 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Protestant worship

Sunday: Gospel service: 8 a.m.
Traditional service: 11:15 a.m.

Classes and activities

Catholic: Classes for grades 3 through 12 from 8:20 to 9:30 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. and a Sacramental Class is also offered from 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Sundays.

Adult RCIA: Adults who want to learn more about the Roman Catholic faith, come to RCIA at 1:45 p.m. Sundays in the annex.

Protestant: Religious education classes (18 months-adult) Sundays from 9:35 to 10:50 a.m.

Men of the Chapel meets every first and third Tuesday in the Chapel basement from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel (grades 7 through 12) meets 3 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Protestant Women of the Chapel meets noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and are studying Desiring God’s Own Heart. PWOC retreat is April 1 and 2

at Lake Mead. Tickets are \$30. For more information, call 432-3849 or 453-3284. The PWOC Secret Sister Party will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 14 in the Chapel Annex.

Singles meet 6 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays at the Chapel Annex for a video series on the Song of Solomon which deals with dating and relationships. For more information, call Chaplain (1st Lt.) Christopher Cooper at 652-2950.

Officers’ Christian Fellowship is studying 1st Thessalonians at home meetings. For more information on Sunday night meetings, call 643-5739 or for Monday night meetings, call 869-9559.

Widows in the Neighborhood has a weekly Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Monthly activities include lunches, local tours, or attending performances. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

Lenten Devotions and Luncheons for Catholic and Protestant devotions will be offered each Wednesday during Lent at 11:30 a.m. beginning Wednesday. The two parishes will then join together at noon for ecumenical soup and bread luncheon.

A Family Life Conference on Marriage will be held at the Alexis Park Resort May 5 through 7. This weekend is for couples. Stop by the Chapel for more information or call 598-5367.

Enlisted Club
652-9733

Karaoke
The Enlisted Club has Karaoke in the
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lounge 6 to 10 p.m. Thursdays. Come show off your vocal talents.

Membership night

The Enlisted Club is giving a big "thank you" to its members 5 to 8 p.m. Friday. It is a combination Luau and St. Patrick's Day celebration. There will be free food, drink specials, live band and prizes. Club members and one guest are free. Nonmembers are \$5.

Family Advocacy 653-3884

Hero Search

In recognition of April's Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Military Child Family Advocacy is sponsoring a Hero Search. The clinic is looking for adults who have dedicated time, love, energy, talents, skills, financial support, or wisdom to assist local children. Anyone—regardless of age—may submit a nomination for an individual. More than one nominee may be submitted per person as long as separate nomination forms are used. Nominees must have a connection to Nellis through active duty status, employment, family member status, or volunteer efforts. Nominees must be at least 18 years old by April 1.

Children are welcome to nominate family members, teachers, scout leaders, etc. Adults may nominate each other, or themselves. Submit a completed nomination form describing the

relationship of this person to you and why you feel the recognition is deserved. Be specific about involvement in activities and efforts, and how this individual has enriched children's lives. Drop off applications in sealed envelopes at the Appreciation Station located in the Health and Wellness Center, Bldg. 625, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Forms can also be mailed to Paula Tracy, Family Advocacy Outreach Manager, 99MDOS/SGOPHF, 4700 Las Vegas Blvd, Nellis AFB, NV 89191-6601. If preferred, e-mail all the requested information to paula.tracy@nellis.af.mil. All nominations must be received by March 29. Winners will be announced during one of the Child Abuse Prevention Month activities in April.

PREP

This nine-hour class offers clear, practical techniques to build healthy communication skills for committed couples. The class is free to active-duty members and their families. Registration is required and class dates and times will be set once enough couples sign up.

Post-partum

A two-hour class designed to provide parents the knowledge to manage the post-partum experience. Classes are offered 2 to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Breast feeding

Practical and useful information is provided in this two-hour class. Classes are offered 2 to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Boys Town parenting

Boys Town Common Sense Parenting minimizes theory and maximizes real

world learning applicable to children 3 and up. Registration is required, and class dates and times will be set once enough couples sign up.

Family Support Center 652-3327

Intro to Career Focus

Assists job seekers with general employment information, resume writing and registration in computerized job bank Tuesday at 9 a.m.

Predeployment Briefing

Briefings are Mondays at 9 a.m. and Wednesdays at 2 p.m. It prepares members for TDY deployment and remote assignment.

Ready, Set, Grow

Reinforce your parenting skills and learn new ones with other families (ages 3 to 36 months) Mondays 10 to 11 a.m.

Financial Management

Learn how to set up a personal budget from 8 a.m. to noon March 21.

Sponsorship Training

Learn how to make the experience pleasant for everyone involved from 3 to 3 p.m. March 21.

TAP

TAP in conjunction with the Department of Labor and Veterans Affairs offers employment strategies 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 22 through 24.

HAWC 653-3376

Web page

Check for all HAWC program information. Please note: located on the web site is a tobacco cessation correspondence course designed to help individuals quit smoking that cannot attend the regularly scheduled classes at the HAWC. Individuals must complete the correspondence course before the Nicoderm patch and Zyban are prescribed. The HAWC web site is 99mdg.nellis.af.mil/hawc1.htm.

Wellness cup

The 2000 Commander's Wellness Cup Competition continues. The Commander's Wellness Cup competition is designed to encourage healthy lifestyle choices. Individuals receive points by quitting smoking, doing aerobic activity, losing weight and body fat. The competition runs through June 9. At the end of the competition, winning units will receive trophies.

Tobacco class hours

The Tobacco Cessation Class is Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Fitness game

HAWC will sponsor a Jeopardy game March 10 and 24. The game session is limited to 20 people. This is worth 20 points toward the Commander's Wellness Cup Competition.

TGIF

The goal is fitness fun run/walk is every Friday. All participants will receive 10 points toward the Commander's Wellness Cup Competition.

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Library
652-4484

Preschool story time
Starting at 10 a.m. Thursday, the Library will host a preschool story time. Children 3 through 5 are invited to attend. After the story, the children will complete a craft project. Call the Library to reserve a spot today, as space is limited. Other story time dates are March 23, 30 and April 6.

Officers' Club
644-2582

St. Patrick's Day
Come into the Officers' Club for a taste of corned beef and cabbage or lamb stew for lunch March 17. After work, step into the Check 6 Lounge for heavy hors d' oeuvres and drink specials.

Outdoor Recreation
652-8967

Deep-Sea fishing
Go fishing in San Diego, Calif., March 24 through 26. Departure time from Nellis will be 10 p.m. March 24. The group will tour Tijuana, Mexico, March 25 and return to Nellis March 26. Cost is \$125 per person and includes hotel, fishing and transportation.

Skills Development
652-2794

Children's ceramic
The children will be making an Easter bunny March 18 and a beautiful lace basket with lace eggs March 25. Both classes start at 10 a.m. Guaranteed to be a good time for children 4 and up. Cost is \$8 for the March 18 class and \$15 for the March 25 class. Parents are invited to attend both classes. Sign-up deadline is one week before each class.

Ticket and Tours
652-2192

The 'Price is Right' tour
April 11 is your day to be "the next contestant on *The Price is Right*." Cost is \$55 person. Not interested in the show? Ride the same bus and go to Universal Studios instead. Cost for this trip is \$70 and includes admission. This is your chance to meet new and interesting people. Reservations are limited to the first 24 persons to sign up.

Summer tours
Plan the family's summer vacation now. ITT has discounted tickets and tours for Universal Studios, Disneyland, Magic Mountain, SeaWorld and the San Diego Zoo.

Veterinary Office
652-8836

Appointment schedule
Appointments are still available

for minor medical problems, vaccinations and health certificates Tuesday and March 17, 21, 24, 28 and 31. Call 652-2230 to make an appointment. Please note that a courtesy call to cancel an appointment would be appreciated at least 24 hours in advance. An answering machine is available after hours for messages and cancellations by calling 652-8836.

Youth Center
652-9307

Baseball, softball
Register now for T-ball, baseball and girls' slow-pitch softball. Coaches and players are needed to make the season a success. Girls and boys 4 through 15 are eligible for T-ball and baseball. Girls 8 through 13 are also eligible for slow-pitch softball.

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Cost is \$30 plus Youth Center membership card. A sports physical is required for each participant. Registration is through Thursday. Pick up forms at the Youth Center. *Applebee's, Coca-Cola and IN-N-OUT BURGER sponsor youth sports.*

Safest Kid in America

Children 7 through 15 are invited to participate in a contest telling the Safe America Foundation why they are the safest kids in America. Prizes include a bicycle, \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, multimedia computer or a trip to Orlando, FL. Deadline for entries is March 24.

Is Germany in your future?

Learn about living and working in Germany from 4 to 6 p.m. March 30 at the Family Support Center from Maj. Jim Collins, 57th Wing. Major Collins led historical and cultural tours while stationed at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. This is a chance to learn about history, culture and customs of Germany. For more information or to register call the Family Support Center at 652-3327.

Honor Guard Appreciation Luncheon

**March 30, 11:30 a.m. at
Nellis Officers' Club**

The Thunderbird Chapter of the Air Force Association is sponsoring an Honor Guard luncheon at the Officers' Club March 30 at 11:30 a.m. Call 652-7263 to confirm reservations before March 24. Cost of luncheon is \$8 and can be charged to Enlisted or Officers' Club accounts.



Don't forget to buckle up!